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DRAFT MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Elmer B. Staats
Assistant Director
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SUBJECT: Organization of the Psychological Strategy Board

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your memorandum of May 1, 1952, transmitting a draft report to the President on the work of the Psychological Strategy Board and a proposed memorandum clarifying the PSB directive for the President's signature.

We have given careful consideration to this material, and it is the view of the Department of State that the report and the proposed memorandum should be issued.

It is suggested that the first numbered paragraph of the proposed memorandum (as set forth in the revised draft provided informally by Mr. [redacted] on May 14) be replaced by two paragraphs as follows:

1. The Board should select for planning or evaluation attention those projects or programs within its field of responsibility under the Directive of April 4, 1952, which offer the most fruitful opportunities for returns on the Board's efforts. Such projects or programs will normally be of a forward character, although the Board may select for study special current tactical problems.

2. In assuring the coordination of efforts of the various agencies under approved plans, primary emphasis should be placed upon direct coordination by the agencies responsible for action and the review of progress by the Board rather than upon operational coordination by the PSB staff. Periodic or occasional reports by the operating agencies requested by the Board in connection with particular approved plans should be made the basis for such review.

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